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## Best Kept Village 2022

Anticipation is in the air as villages and towns prepare for the Best Kept Village Competition 2022. There are already some splendid floral displays, many prepared for the Jubilee Weekend celebrations and the Jubilee theme may well continue in summer planting. The display below is but one example.



The judging for this year's competition will take place between 16 July and 6 August and judges are looking forward to visiting over 30 village and towns across Northern Lincolnshire.

The presentation evening when the prizes and certificates are awarded will be on Monday 3 October at Broughton.



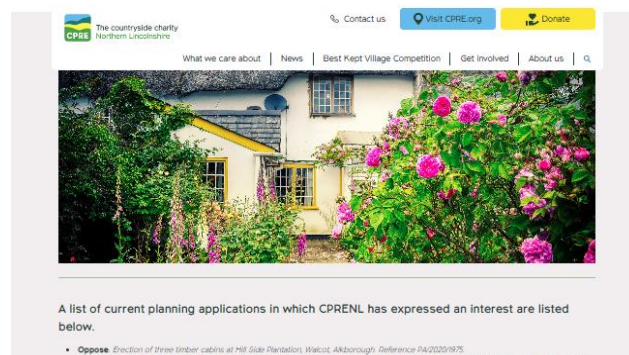
## CPRE Website



Thanks to the hard work of one of our volunteers we have been able to make improvements to our website and include more information. Visitors to the site <https://www.cprenorthernlincs.org.uk/> can now see more information and an improved layout and menu structure.

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire are keen to support local residents and groups with objections to and support for planning applications (see page 3). Details can be found under the tab 'What we care about'. The Resources Section, which is accessed through the 'About Us' menu tab, also now includes recent responses to planning applications, prepared by our expert planner. In the same section copies of Newsletters from the past few years can be accessed.

If you have any suggestions for improvement to the website, please use the 'Contact Us' details to get in touch.



## Environment Awards 2022

One of the ways in which we seek to demonstrate our support for individuals and groups that help to improve our local environment is through our annual Environment Awards.

The awards have become an important feature of our Presentation Evening which is the culmination of our Best Kept Village competition.

Winners of the award in recent years have included Amcotts, Broughton, Low Burnham and Waltham Parish Council.

In 2022 we also recognised the tremendous work of litter picking groups like the Broughton Wombles (see right) and groups in Barton, Scunthorpe and the Isle of Axholme. There are a number of other similar groups across North Lincolnshire that have been nominated for this year's awards.

We are still accepting nominations for this year and if you



know of an individual, group or organisation that has made a significant contribution to improving the local environment please contact:

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## Results of the 2022 Star Count



We want to reclaim our dark skies, not just for ourselves but for the environment too. Light pollution not only limits our views of the twinkling firmament, it disrupts wildlife's natural patterns and contributes to climate change through the unnecessary use of energy.

CPRE has been a leading national voice in championing dark skies for many years. That's why every February we encourage members to get involved with Star Count, an annual citizen science project that counts the visible stars in the night sky.

Your chances of seeing a beautiful night sky are improving as CPRE's 2022 Star Count found that star gazers are enjoying their best views of the night sky since our annual Star Count began in 2011.

The results, from the thousands of counts sent to us, suggest severe light pollution is continuing to fall since its 2020 peak. We suspect that working from home – and, sadly, current concerns over soaring energy bills appear to have produced a 'lockdown legacy' – resulting in a clearer view of the stars

The good news is that we can all help continue that legacy by turning off garden lights when not in use, and encouraging local councils and businesses to dim street lights and reduce office lighting left on overnight. Not only does that reduce carbon emissions and cut energy bills but it improves the natural environment for wildlife and us humans.



## Local Planning Action

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire closely monitors planning applications and responds to individuals and groups requesting information and/or help.

Further details of recent planning applications and our responses can be found at

<https://www.cprenorthernlincs.org.uk/what-we-care-about/planning-and-development/local-planning-applications/>

The following are typical examples of the types of planning applications that we deal with

**Walcot** erection of three timber cabins.

We opposed this development on the grounds that, despite a re-submission of planning application following refusal, the developer had still not addressed key concerns. The proposal was not in conformity with the Development Plan and would also detrimentally impact on the setting of the



Alkborough Conservation Area and the Lincoln Edge Scarp. *Planning permission was refused by the Council.*

**Barton upon Humber** development of 390 homes

We opposed this as the site was within the open countryside and outside the development limit. It would also have a negative impact on the Wolds landscape character and a loss of good farming land. *Planning permission was refused by the Council.*



### CPRE Crowning Glory



Mary Allen, our Branch Secretary, (above) who constructed the CPRE Northern Lincolnshire contribution, 'Crowning Glory'.

## BRIGG FLOWER FESTIVAL

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Brigg Flower Festival from 2 to 5 June 2022, had a theme of 'Flowers Fit for a Queen'.

Floral displays were available for the public to view in Brigg's Parish Church, St John's. CPRE's entry 'Crowning Glory' was much admired, and many thanks are due to Mary Allen, our Secretary, for her time and skill in constructing the colourful and most fitting tribute to her Majesty.



Shown above is the Brigg WI entry for the Festival, entitled 'Afternoon Tea'

## CPRE Current Campaigns

### Lincolnshire Wolds AONB

We are currently supporting the proposal from North Lincolnshire Council to extend the Lincolnshire Wolds 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' up to the Humber Estuary.

The bid to extend the northern boundary of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB has attracted the support of a wide number of local, regional and national bodies as well as garnering significant support among local MPs.

Hopefully, the combined campaigning pressure of all these organisations, as well as grassroots support among our local community, will ensure the success of the bid. It will also mean the ongoing protection of such a beautiful area of North Lincolnshire countryside.

### Litter

Litter spoils our enjoyment of the countryside and can be harmful for wildlife and people. We're working towards a litter-free countryside for everyone.

We run litter picks and support groups with the loan of litter-picking equipment across North Lincolnshire. We want to encourage as many people as possible to join us in making our countryside healthy, clean and tranquil.



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## Annual General Meeting 2022

The Annual General Meeting of CPRE Northern Lincolnshire this year will be held on Saturday 15 October in the Buttercross, Brigg.

The AGM will be preceded by a talk at 14.30 by Dr Kevin Leahy called, '**The Lost Valley: Anglo-Saxons in Winterton Vale**'

The 'Lost Valley' lies between the rivers Ancholme and Trent in North Lincolnshire and contains a remarkable sequence of archaeological sites. Within 'Winterton Vale' are two Iron Age/Roman settlements, two major villas, a Roman fort, two Anglo-Saxon monasteries and a group of four Anglo-Saxon cemeteries. These make it possible to look at the story of Anglo-Saxon Lincolnshire and England in a different light.

Dr Kevin Leahy FSA, MCIfA, is a British archaeologist and small-finds specialist. He is the National Finds Adviser for early medieval metalwork for the Portable Antiquities Scheme and has published several books with the British Museum. He was elected as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London in 1987.

**Tea/coffee will be available from 14.00**

**Cost: CPRE Members free, Visitors £5.00.**

**Tickets available from Mary Allen**

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**PLANNING HELP** – If you have any concerns about local plans or potential development in your area, CPRE Northern Lincolnshire can offer professional help or advice using our planning experts. Please contact David Rose [davidjohnrose@gmail.com](mailto:davidjohnrose@gmail.com) or [jenny.haynes@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.haynes@btinternet.com) giving brief details of your issue or concern.

## JOIN US

Countrywise is the Newsletter of CPRE, the countryside charity – Northern Lincolnshire. The branch is one of over 40 county branches throughout England, with 75,000 supporters nationally. Joining CPRE is open to all and we positively welcome involvement from supporters in all of our activities and campaigns.

**If you would like to learn more about us, our website address is [cprenorthernlincs.org.uk](http://cprenorthernlincs.org.uk)**

If you would like to be more involved, please contact either:

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